

House Resolution No. 4366

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in order to recognize the achievements of an outstanding Missourian who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the law enforcement profession; and

Whereas, Mike Parson is retiring in 2004 from his position as Polk County Sheriff following a most impressive career in law enforcement; and

Whereas, prior to assuming his responsibilities as Polk County Sheriff, Mike Parson served as a Hickory County Deputy, an investigator for former Polk County Sheriff Charlie Simmons, a military policeman in the Criminal Investigations Division of the United States Army Reserves, and as the owner and operator of a gas station and garage which he leased after taking office; and

Whereas, Mike Parson is known, admired, and respected for providing tremendous service and leadership to the citizenry of Polk County since being elected Sheriff in 1993; and

Whereas, during his tenure as Polk County Sheriff, Mike Parson distinguished himself by initiating a case which became the landmark that led to the Open Field Doctrine Law and by being a recipient of various commendations from civic organizations and an award from the Missouri Association of Counties; and

Whereas, Mike Parson has supported his profession as a valuable member of the Missouri Sheriff's Board of Directors, the National Sheriff's Association, the Committee for Courtroom Security and Prisoner Transportation, the United States Department of Justice, and the Crime Justice Information System; and

Whereas, a member of the First Baptist Church in Bolivar, Mike Parson has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Teresa; two children, Stephanie House and Kelly Parson; and four grandchildren, David, Alecia, Michaela, and Benjamin:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Mike Parson upon his retirement from the Polk County Sheriff's Department and in further wishing him the long, enjoyable, and fruitful retirement he so richly deserves with ample opportunity to enjoy the better things life has to offer; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mike Parson, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Ronnie Miller
District No. 133

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4366, adopted October 26, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker